



**Dar-es-Salaam
International
Academy**

Dar-es-Salaam Tanzania, East Africa
Plot 1325/1326 Transit Supermarket Road
P. O. Box 23282
Tel: 2600202 / 2600206
Fax: 2600-195
e-mail: info@diatz.cc
www.diatz.cc

At DIA several students have transitioned from My World into our mainstream Primary program. It has been duly noted that students from My World are balanced and social students who are creative and enjoy learning.

Students from My World have good language skills and are confident when sharing their ideas and stories. They also have positive self esteem and are able to work and play with others. They are independent learners and follow directions demonstrating respectful and responsible behavior.

Students transitioning from more "traditional" preschools, where instruction is focused on either prescribed learning, memorization, and less on higher level thinking skills have more difficulties adapting to our teaching methods. They have a hard time being autonomous and responsible for their own learning as well as making connections between their learning and real life.

Such children generally know how to read and even write before the age of 5. However, although they can decode and sound out letters, their understanding and comprehension is limited as they usually have skipped all necessary, crucial and pre-required activities based on oral language and expression, before they were exposed to reading.

Students coming from My World can sometimes read and sometimes cannot, depending on their personal development and maturity (which is not always related to age) but they all demonstrate creativity and understand concepts, ideas and use abstract thinking easily.

We are always amazed here at DIA by the high level in all areas that My World students demonstrate and it is our pleasure to have them join us within our Primary Department.

Pacifique Uwinkindi
DIA Primary Coordinator